

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Booth, Jackson, Richard, Burlingame, Blackburn and Sylvester. Commissioners Walker, Pearson and Thornton were absent. Also present were Peter Dennehy Esq., and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.**

**The following cases were heard.**

**Timothy A. Williamson, Esq., for the properties located at:**

**APPEAL #050504D: 1 Webster Knight Drive, West Warwick (West Warwick Senior High School).**

**APPEAL #050505D: 2 Webster Knight Drive, West Warwick (J.F. Deering Middle School).**

**ADSFM James Bobola appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Booth, to table the above cases until April 15, 2014 to allow the Applicant time to prepare a plan of action and return to the Board. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL: 140021: Brady Sullivan Eagle Street, LLC, for the property**

located at 355 Valley Street, Providence. ADSFM Richard Vespia appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the Applicant to have a fire watch for 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week for six (6) months. Within that time the Applicant will install a master box at which point the fire watch is no longer needed. The Applicant requested a time variance of eighteen (18) months to bring this facility into full compliance. The Board advised the Applicant this building will remain vacant until it is in full compliance. The Providence Fire Marshal's Office has the authority to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL#130178A:** The Applicant did not appear for the property located at 938-940 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Richard Vespia appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The Board rescheduled the hearing for property above until May 6, 2014.

**APPEAL #140017:** Mr. Chris Simon, for the property located at 2 Sand Hill Cove Road, Narragansett. ADSFM James Given appeared for the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a sprinkler system in this facility and an additional 150 days to implement that

plan, with the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being made by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #140015:** Redwood Library, for the property located at 50 Bellevue Avenue, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance to have a limited occupancy of 104 people in the Harrison Room of the library. If for any reason the Applicant holds an event in the Harrison Room that exceeds the limited occupancy, the Applicant must contact the Newport Fire Marshal's Office with a plan of action for their approval. The Applicant was granted a time variance of ninety (90) days to have crowd manager training provided to their staff members and provide documentation to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #130184A:** Director Kathleen Staab, for the property located at 49 Touro Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action to limit occupancy on the first floor to 300 people and limit occupancy on the second floor balcony to 196 people. The Applicant must provide the Newport Fire Marshal's Office with a plan of action if an event is held that will

**exceed the occupant load of 300 people. The motion passed with Commissioners Blackburn and Richard opposing the vote.**

**Mr. Ray Mayerson, for the properties located at:**

**APPEAL: 130039A: 199 Spring Street, Newport**

**APPEAL: 130040A: 205 Spring Street, Newport**

**APPEAL: 130041A: 41 Pelham Street, Newport**

**ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi, to re-instate a previous variance, and granted the Applicant a final time variance of fifteen (15) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the installation a compliant fire alarm system in the above properties and an additional thirty (30) days to implement that plan. The Board granted the Applicant's request to only have one innkeeper for the three facilities mentioned above, with the condition that the innkeeper will be located in one of the facilities seven (7) days week and twenty-four (24) hours a day. The motion passed with Commissioners Blackburn and Booth opposing the vote and Commissioner Burlingame abstaining from the vote.**

**Respectfully submitted**

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